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Put me in, Coach!

By Brig. Gen. Duane Deal
21st Space Wing Commander

Wednesday was one of those great days where the base got to kick back and enjoy a day devoted to a vital part of our military lifestyle via our annual sports and fitness day. Seeing people compete, enjoy the camaraderie, the food, and entertainment on a typically beautiful Springs day drove home how great our lifestyle can be.

It also brought to mind a book devoted to youth sports, and its relationship to our military life. Sports psychology expert Rick Wolff, author of *Good Sports: The Concerned Parent's Guide to Competitive Youth Sports*, promotes a "Bill of Rights" for youth sports:

I. Above all else, let me play!

II. I learn about sportsmanship from you, and sometimes I don't understand why you act the way you do.

III. I'm not supposed to use profanity at home, but because you use it—and you're my coach—I guess it's OK for

me to follow your example?

IV. Coach, you always tell us before the game, "Go out and have fun!" but then you make us feel bad if we don't play up to your expectations.

V. Cheer up, Coach, it's only a game!

VI. I want to be assured that if I come on time to all the practices and games, I get to play ahead of those teammates who blew off practice or who come late to the game.

VII. I like it when you praise me.

VIII. But I don't like it when you yell at me.

IX. I want to be a better player.

X. I'll remember this moment for the rest of my life!

Simply stated and easy to expound upon, most of this list applies not just to youth sports, but also to our day-to-day approach to our lives and jobs. For example, pondering Air Force Core Values, "Integrity first" is represented in numbers II and III—setting the example for others to follow. "Service before self" is inherent in I and VI—yearning to



participate and putting the team first. And "Excellence In All We Do" is reflected most prominently in I, II, and IX—a desire to perform and excel. Perhaps the biggest philosophical difference with our responsibilities lies in IV and V, for there's absolutely no margin for error or "acceptable" 1st runner-up when it comes to national defense. While we might expect to make mistakes in practices/exercises where we should "have fun," if we ever play the "real game," we've got to benefit from our training and seek to score at every turn. Food for thought, for children and adults ... consider this list the next time you hear—or say—"Put me in, Coach!"

21st Space Wing



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At a Glance

Unit: 13th Space Warning Squadron

Location: Clear Air Force Station, Alaska

Mission: The primary mission of the 13th Space Warning Squadron is to provide Early Warning of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles and Sea-Launched Ballistic Missiles to the Missile Warning Center at North American Aerospace Defense Command located at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo. Its secondary mission is to provide Space Surveillance data on orbiting objects to the Space Control Center also located in the Cheyenne Mountain Complex.



Clear Air Force Station, 1982

Good to go

Firefighters at Clear Air Force Station, Ak., check their equipment to make sure it works before they get a call.



Courtesy photos

Action Line

Submitting Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to the 21st Space Wing Commander—use it wisely! Try to resolve problems at the lowest level possible—with the person or activity, and then follow the chain of command.

Though it's not required, we ask that you leave your name and phone number so we can get back to you for clarifications, or if your response isn't printed.

If you can't get satisfactory results, then call (719) 556-7777. You may also fax your question to 556-7848.

Sweating the cost

QUESTION: Why can't we hire a personal trainer at the Fitness Center on an hourly basis? Currently, we have a \$162 minimum, which is beyond most people's budgets.

Several fitness clubs around the city offer reasonably priced packages and hourly rates. Shouldn't our Fitness Center's goal be to help as many patrons as possible to establish an exercise program, versus giving us only one option?

ANSWER: We appreciate your interest in one of the Fitness Center's most popular contracted services.

We checked with two local commercial fitness

facilities, and our programs compare favorably. Both of them require down payments, higher cost per session, and/or required membership fees for sessions with trainers. The latter arrangement may make their training sessions appear less expensive, but other costs are hidden by the membership fees.

At the Fitness Center, you can hire personal trainers on an hourly basis for \$42. We also discount additional training sessions if purchased together, (i.e., two sessions, \$72; three, \$96 and so on), as well as the package you referenced, which includes a fitness profile and four sessions.

Please call the Fitness Center at 556-8069 for all of our rates and other fitness questions.

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A Moment in Time: August



■ On Aug. 16, 1999, the 21st Contracting Squadron became the first unit in the Department of Defense to use the Defense Standard Procurement System.

■ On Aug. 16, 1960, Capt. Joseph W. Kittenger Jr. parachuted from 102,000 feet.

■ On Aug. 20, 1963, John Glenn was the first American to orbit the earth.

■ On Aug. 21, 1947, W. Stuart Symington is named the first Secretary of the Air Force.

Information courtesy of Staff Sgt. Trisha Morgan, 21st Space Wing History Office.

Rodeo

First extreme sport hits World Arena

By Staff Sgt.
Josh Clendenen
[21st Space Wing Public Affairs](#)

Another year of rodeo action has come and gone. The 62nd Annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo wrapped up Sunday at the World Arena.

This year, the rodeo featured a number of military oriented nights.

The rodeo kicked off Aug. 7 with the North American Aerospace Defense and U.S. Space Command night, Aug. 8 was Air Force Space Command night, Aug. 9 was Fort Carson, and Saturday was the Air Force Academy night.

Both military and civilians alike were treated to many events throughout the rodeo. Events ranged from bareback bronc riding to women's barrel racing.

Winners of this year's events were:

■ Bareback riding: Lan

Lajeunesse scored an 84 on I'm a Tiger Snuff.

■ Steer wrestling: Birch Neggard took top honors with a 3.6-second take down.

■ Team roping: Camish Jennings and Randon Adams headed and healed their way to victory with a time of 4.7 seconds.

■ Saddle bronc riding: Glen O'Neill held on for eight seconds and an 84-point score on Smokeless Big Valley to win this event.

■ Calf roping: Stran Smith tied up a victory with a eight second half-hitch.

■ Women's barrel racing: Brandie Halls rounded the barrels in 12.58 seconds to secure her victory.

■ Bull riding: Josh Johnson tied into Squirt HB and held on for eight seconds and 89 points to win the bull-riding event.

For more information on the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo results, or more information on professional rodeo, log on to www.prorodeo.com.



Photos by Dennis Plummer

A hazer rides along a steer-wrestling cowboy during the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.



A bareback bronc rider tries his best to hold on for eight seconds.



Members of all services of the Armed Forces post the colors Saturday during the Air Force Academy night at the rodeo.



A calf lays still at the end of a taught rope while a calf roper ties three of his legs in a half-hitch.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

School begins in District 11 Tuesday, and base motorists are cautioned to be alert for children walking to bus stops, and to remember to stop when red lights on school buses are flashing.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT DAY

Representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Government Employees Health Association, PacifiCare of Colorado, Mail Handlers and Kaiser Permanente, will be available Aug. 29 to meet with Peterson Complex civilian employees to discuss any questions or concerns regarding their health insurance coverage.

Appointments are not required. Representatives will be available in the Civilian Personnel Office Training Room from 9-10:30 a.m.

For more information, call Beverly Sagapolutele at 556-7073.

EDUCATION OFFICE

■ Air War College non-resident studies seminar is underway and will run through

June 2003.

Applications are being accepted online at www.au.af.mil/au/awc/ns/nsenroll

■ The Air Command and Staff College is also accepting applications for nonresident studies.

■ Federal workers can take online courses in more than 25 subjects for free. To learn more, log onto www.golearn.gov.

For more information on these or other Education Office classes, call the Education Office at 556-4064.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Olmstead Scholar Program provides officers a chance to attend a college overseas while studying for a Master's Degree.

The application deadline is Oct. 15. For more information call the Military Personnel Flight.

CITY INCREASES

WATER RESTRICTIONS

During Stage II, residents should water their lawns in the early morning or late evening for no more than three hours at a time. If you live in an even-

numbered house, you may water on Sunday and Wednesday. Odd-numbered houses may water on Tuesday and Saturday.

Watering is not permitted any other day of the week, and water use will be closely monitored. Peterson has achieved a 25 percent reduction in water usage, and will continue to stay consistent with the savings set by the city.

Also during Stage II, the car wash will be closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Watch the base marquees, the Commander's Access Channel and the *Space Observer* for the latest water restriction stages and changes.

CFC EVENT

There will be a Combined Federal Campaign leadership event 9:30 a.m., Aug. 16, at the Peterson Air Force Base Officers' Club.

The uniform for military members is duty uniform and for civilians it is business attire.

For details, call Capt. James Gherdovich at 556-4448.

HEARTS APART NIGHT

There will be a Hearts

Apart Family Night at the Armed Services YMCA, 6:30-9:30 p.m. today.

If you have experienced a deployment, have a spouse that is deployed, or a spouse that is going to deploy, come and share your deployment survival tips.

There is a \$1 per family fee which includes dinner. For more information, call the ASYMCA at 556-6141.

NEW FSC CLASSES

The Family Support Center has two new classes in August. They are:

■ Transition planning, Aug. 20, 9-10:30 a.m. The class is geared toward those who are retiring or separating from the military and have already attended the pre-separation briefing.

■ Interviewing, Aug. 22, 1-3 p.m. The class is designed to prepare for interviewing in the civilian world.

For details call the Family Support Center at 556-7596.

RETIREE

APPRECIATION DAY

The annual Retiree

Appreciation Day & Information Fair will be held on Saturday, August 24, in Arnold Hall at the USAF Academy. Hosted by the 10th Air Base Wing, all retirees and their family members in all branches of military service are invited.

The program starts at 9 a.m., and the keynote speaker will be General Ralph E. "Ed" Eberhart, Commander-in-Chief NORAD Commander, U.S. Space Command. He will be followed by a panel of experts on health care (TRICARE) and briefings on retiree benefits and other current retiree issues. Information booths and coffee and donuts will be set up at 8 a.m.

For additional information, call 1st Lt. Theresa Franz at 333-3172.

NAVY BALL

The Rocky Mountain Navy 227th Birthday Ball will be 6 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 4, at the Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs.

Prices for E-6 and below is \$20, E-7 to O-3 \$35, and generals are \$42.

At the
Base
Chapel



Protestant
Liturgical Worship,
8:15 a.m.
Traditional Sunday Worship
11 a.m.
Gospel Services, 12:30 p.m.

Catholic
Weekday Mass, 11:35 a.m.
Saturdays, 5 p.m.
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Reconciliation
Saturdays, 4 p.m.

Religious Education
Sunday programs
resume after
Labor Day

* *For more
information
Call the chapel at
556-4442 for available
chapel programs.



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Straight Talk Line

556-9154

Call the 21st Space Wing Straight Talk Line for current information on real-world and exercise wing events.

Blotter

The following real-life events with real individuals from around the Peterson Complex are presented to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events occurring on our base.

The following entries were taken from hundreds recorded in the Peterson Police Blotter for the week ending Aug. 9:

***Editor's note: Although the Space Observer staff may make light of some Blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional Security Forces treat each incident seriously.*

Bike bilked - Aug. 2

Security Forces were notified of the theft of an unsecured black & white bicycle sometime during the day from the bike rack at Building 1. A search of the area met with negative results.

Security Forces reminds readers to practice good habits

by locking bikes when not in use. Anyone with further information on the missing bike should call Security Forces.

Drunk dummy #1: DUI - Aug. 3

A civilian was detained at the West Gate when Security Forces detected his booze breath. Colorado Springs Police responded.

The crooked civilian's contractor badge was also confiscated as it was unsigned.

Drunk dummy #2: DUI + Underage - Aug. 3

Security Forces stopped a military member at the West Gate when they smelled swill on his breath.

The ditzy driver failed two of three field sobriety measures. A breath test

determined the inebriated individual to have a BRAC of .071.

Not yet 21 and already trying to be "grown up," he was rewarded with citations for underage drinking and DUI, then released to his supervisor.

Fence 1, Vehicle 0 - Aug. 4

A military member reported to the Security Forces that he was backing his vehicle during an emergency response, and accidentally rammed a fence.

All drivers are reminded of the need to clear and watch where they are going, particularly when backing.

Childish chucking - Aug. 5

Security Forces were notified of several children throwing rocks at vehicles along Stewart Avenue. The hurling hooligans dispersed before the Security Forces arrived.

Anyone with information on such activity is encour-

aged to immediately notify the Security Forces.

Wallet walks - Aug. 6

A military member came to the law enforcement desk to report his wallet was stolen from the fitness center.

The wallet was a black leather bi-fold type, and contained his driver's license, common access card, four personal credit cards, and one military credit card. The individual also reported bogus credit card charges from his stolen cards.

Anyone with further information on this theft is encouraged to contact the Security Forces.

Pastry panic prevented - Aug. 7

The Fire Department responded to a fire alarm in Building 1470.

Quick investigation revealed the cause of the alarm—a burnt pastry inside a microwave, while its negligent nibbler was absent from the vicinity.

The scorched snack was treated and released.

Vehicle vandal & vamoose #1 - Aug. 7

Security Forces were notified of damage to a gray sports utility vehicle that occurred that afternoon in parking lot of the CISF.

The damage consisted of a black mark on the right rear quarter panel.

Anyone with information on this or any other vehicle damage is encouraged to contact Security Forces.

Vehicle vandal & vamoose #2 - Aug. 7

Security Forces were notified of damage to a red pickup that occurred in the golf course parking lot.

The damage consisted of scratches and a dent on the driver's side front quarter panel.

Anyone with information on this or any other vehicle damage is encouraged to contact Security Forces.





Peterson's Furniture Reuse Program can get you more for your money

By Tech. Sgt.
Michael Phillips
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Units planning expansion or remodeling projects to replace their old, outdated office furniture could be in for a pleasant surprise. Costs for most projects could be greatly reduced by taking advantage of the Peterson Furniture Reuse Program.

This base Civil Engineer-initiated program is a base-wide collection of excess new and used furnishings that meet Facilities Excellence requirements. The reuse inventory is available to reduce project costs when adding or reconfiguring available workspaces.

"Since the program offers 'pieces and parts' only, it's not usually possible to do an entire project with the reuse inventory," said Jerry Sorensen, Facilities Excellence Architect. "The cost of new furnishings, which can be purchased from local authorized GSA dealers, should be included in your project budget. Depending on the complexity of the project and available inventory, some small- and medium-sized projects have executed 100 percent reuse."

The average reuse savings is about 45 percent of the

cost of an estimated \$3,500 per workstation and \$4,500 per private office.

"Remember, this is refurbished furniture and doesn't always apply to every part of every project," said Sorensen. "Typically, you should plan your budget to purchase all new furniture, and use the program to help reduce your furnishings costs."

There are additional costs associated with collecting, transporting, cleaning, repairing, storing and delivering the reuse inventory. To improve quality and reliability, these items have been contracted out to a local asset management company. The base civil engineer annually invests at least \$25,000 to keep the basic services available.

This doesn't begin to cover the actual cost associated with each project, so a fee of 15 percent of the value of the reuse furniture used for the project is assessed. Therefore, a project that uses \$10,000 in reuse furnishings will be charged \$1,500 to help cover operating costs.

The using agency shows a saving of \$8,500, and the program can continue its cost-saving operations. Without this fee and the BCE's annual investment, the program couldn't exist.

The program has already saved more than \$2.2 million in procurement funds. For every dollar invested, the program returns about \$9.53.

Besides the Reuse Fee, other costs of interior design, demolition, furniture installation, electrical connections, and data or communications connections are the responsibility of the using agency. The asset management contractor can provide cost estimates on these services and help coordinate their execution.

Due to tight space requirements and the technical nature of some of the furniture systems, appropriate space planning and interior design is critical to the success of the project. Determining which avenue of design is best for a project directly relates to how quickly it needs to be done. The more time allowed for execution, the less expensive it will be.

"There's no substitute for proper project planning," said Sorensen. "Improperly planned projects usually end up costing more."

The asset management contractor can coordinate design services for additional fees. If funds aren't available, a work request submitted to the base civil engineer can also ini-

tiate the design process. "With most small projects, the asset management contractor can determine the requirements and produce the appropriate sketches to complete the project," Sorensen said. "Unfortunately, this is usually the exception."

Once completed, the space planning design should include drawings and sketches of the proposed layout, and a detailed listing of the parts and pieces needed for the installation. The asset management contractor uses this listing to cross-reference with the available reuse inventory and determine what comes from reuse and what needs to be purchased new. The asset management contractor then reserves reuse furnishings for specific projects. Active projects won't be compromised to meet new or future requirements. Every 30 calendar days, projects are re-evaluated as either "active" or "inactive."

Active projects retain their rights to the reuse inventory. Since waiting for funding doesn't justify an "active" rating, the reuse program manager no longer considers a project as "active" 30 calendar days after the final project price quote is delivered and no procurement actions are imminent. Inactive projects return reserved furnishings back to the reuse inventory. "The goal of the program is to save limited funds by reusing furniture, not diverting the savings to pay for long-term storage costs," Sorensen said.

Any government agency can take advantage of this pro-

gram. Since the available furnishings are government property, civilian sector agencies can't use the program. Civilian contractors working in government facilities are allowed access to the inventory if their requirement is directly related to supporting their government contract. To best serve the interest of all qualifying agencies, the Peterson Furniture Reuse Program executes all of its support under a "first come-first served" policy.

An IMPAC card may be used to execute a project, but spending limits must be maintained. Most IMPAC cards have a spending limit of \$2,500 per contractor. A typical office reconfiguration or reuse project can use up to five different contractors to complete. The cardholder is responsible for determining the authorized use of IMPAC cards. The PFRP works to establish GSA contracts for the asset management contractors. Once in place, reuse furnishings projects can be executed under IMPAC card restrictions up to \$25,000. Contact the PFRP manager for information about the availability of GSA contractors.

The PFRP takes furnishings that meet Facilities Excellence requirements and can be reused. The asset management contractor picks up any qualifying furniture at no cost. Most excess furnishings can be removed either as reuse or demolition as part of the contracted project. Remaining excess furnishings must be disposed through the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO).

Contact the Peterson Furniture Reuse Program manager in the Base Development Section of the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron at 556-6278.

"Depending on the complexity of the project and available inventory, some small- and medium-sized projects have executed 100 percent reuse."

Jerry Sorensen
Facilities Excellence Architect

Peterson is currently in:
Water Restriction Stage II
See Page 4 for details

Red Cross collects donations for troops overseas

By Senior Airman
Shane Sharp
[21st Space Wing Public Affairs](#)

The American Red Cross is collecting donation items to be sent to military members serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“The idea is to give our troops a little bit of home,” said Cathy Todd, Peterson Red Cross Records Chairman. “Sending the items will also help boost morale.”

Donated items (see list to the right) can be brought to the Red Cross office, Building 350, Room 1042. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Items will be sorted and mailed to deployed Red Cross staff to disperse to the troops.

According to Todd, donations were strong early this year but have fallen off recently.

“At first the donation program was huge, but people thought it ended so donations tapered off,” said Todd. “The need is still there. As long as Operation Enduring Freedom is on, the Red Cross will continue to take donations.”

The Red Cross office will inspect all donated items to ensure the safety and security of our deployed civilians and military personnel.

“Red Cross personnel will check to make sure donations are new and packaged and that they haven’t been tampered with in any way,” said Todd.


The primary mission of Red Cross members deployed to Afghanistan and other Operation Enduring Freedom areas is to provide reporting and emergency communication services and to keep military families in touch during what

can be a very trying time. According to Todd, that isn’t all they do.

“The Red Cross also serves an important role in uplifting the morale of our deployed military members by providing canteen services and distributing the quality of life items collected and sent by American Red Cross units around the world,” said Todd.

And raise morale is just what the donated items have done.

“We received a thank you letter from a base in Uzbekistan thanking us on behalf of all of the service men and women stationed there,” said Todd. “It’s very rewarding to know the efforts of people here at Peterson make a difference.”

For more information on donating, call the Red Cross office at 556-7590. 

Here is a list of quality of life items the Red Cross accepts. The items will be sent to military members serving in Operation Enduring Freedom.

- Individually wrapped pieces of hard candy
- Cookies
- Peanuts, pretzels, and other snack foods
- Microwave popcorn
- Wet wipes
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Foot powder
- Wrap-around sunglasses
- Batteries
- Small pencil sharpeners
- Drink mixes
- Blank greeting cards (birthday, anniversary, etc.)
- Toiletry items such as shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shower soap/gel
- Videos, DVDs, music CDs and cassettes
- Playing cards
- Small board games such as chess, checkers, dominoes, parcheesi, yahtzee, uno, cribbage, and jigsaw puzzles
- Recent paperback books (mysteries, action, drama, and science fiction are highly read)
- Puzzle books

All items need to be new and unopened.



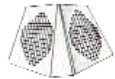


Photo by 1st Lt. Johnny Rea

Memorial honors airman's sacrifice

Airman Amanda Kissel, from the 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron at a forward deployed location, wipes the dust from a memorial honoring Master Sgt. Evander Earl "Andy" Andrews, a civil engineer who died Oct. 10, 2001, in a construction accident. The base's tent city -- Camp Andy -- was named for Andrews. The civil engineer was Operation Enduring Freedom's first fatality. Kissel is deployed from Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

Teen wins national photo contest

A teenager from Aviano Air Base, Italy, recently won first place in the 2002 Boys and Girls Club of America's National ImageMakers Photography competition.

Dylan Smith, 13, son of Tech. Sgt. Troy and Laura Smith, competed in the category of Black and White Process for youth ages 13 to 15 with a photo titled "Clever Nun."

Smith's winning photograph, together with other national winners' photos, will be displayed in the ImageMakers National Photography Contest traveling

exhibition and at B&GCA's special events throughout the year.

ImageMakers is a program developed by the B&GCA and Circuit City, and is part of a comprehensive initiative promoting young people's creativity in the media of photography as well as encouraging artistic skills and cultural enrichment.

Smith will now participate as a photojournalist at the ESPN X-Games in Philadelphia, Aug. 16 to 18.

(Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)



Courtesy photo

Dylan Smith's winning photo, "Clever Nun." Smith, 13, son of Tech. Sgt. Troy and Laura Smith from Aviano Air Base, Italy, recently won first place in the 2002 Boys and Girls Club of America's National ImageMakers Photography competition.

A T Y O U R

S E R V I C E

Rolling Thunder

Services Block Party rolls onto Peterson

By 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout
[21st Space Wing Public Affairs](#)

The 21st Services Squadron Block Party and Car Show will be at the Community Activities Center Aug. 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

This year, the event will feature classic and new cars, hot rods, rugged vehicles, vintage and new motorcycles, racecars and much more.

Visitors will not only be able to view vehicles, but they will also be able to talk to their owners, shop at a sidewalk sale, eat food, and listen to music.

The party will also have a number of things for children to do.

Entertainment from clowns, face painting, and a moonwalker are just a few of the activities that will be avail-



Photo courtesy of services
Last year's car show Joe Lash stood with his black 1937 Ford he bought in 1953 for \$100. Lash travels to car shows and parades with his car.



Photo by Michael Brown
The annual car show will also display newer cars as part of the "Best in Show" contest. The show winner receives a trophy.

able for the children.

Vendors from local car shops will be there to sell their goods to those who think their vehicles need a little sprucing up.

Various drawings will be held throughout the day.

Prizes include mugs, T-shirts, hats, freebies, water bottles, grab bags, and more.

This year a "Best in Show" trophy will be given to the owner of the best vehicle. The prize is

based on a vote from visitors.

"This is a great event for the family," said Deb Connor, CAC director. "Everybody will find something fun to do and chances are you'll win something too."

One difference of this year's giveaways is you must be present to win prizes.

"Last year we had about 150 participants," said Connor. "This year we've had more time to plan, so we expect double the amount from last year and hopefully more."

For information on the show, or to register for the car show, call Calvin at the Auto Skills Center at 556-4481.

For details and vendor registration for the block party call Connor at the CAC at 556-1737.

SERVICES CALENDARS

At the Officers' Club		August 20 -- Steak Night, 6-8 p.m.	August 22 -- Month-long special -- Alaskan King Crab legs.	August 28 -- Mongolian barbecue, 6-8 p.m.
At the Enlisted Club		August 20 -- All paying lunch customers get one ATWIND piece.	August 21 -- Family chicken buffet, 5-7 p.m.	August 28-- Family Country Style buffet, 5-7 p.m.
At Outdoor Recreation		August 17 -- Trip to Tidewater Experiential Training Center.	August 17 -- Challenge Ropes Course. Call for details.	August 23-25 -- Canoe and camping trip, call to sign up.

This Week

Today

- Movie weekend, 4-10 p.m., at the Youth Center.
- 5K fun run, 11:30 a.m., at the Sports and Fitness Center.

Saturday

- Movie weekend, 4-10 p.m., at the Youth Center.

Monday

- Mothers on the Move exercise group. Call the Family Advocacy Center for times and locations.
- Session XI swim lessons begin at the Aquatics Center.
- National Aviation Day -- all pilots receive \$5 discount on aircraft.

Tuesday

- Sponsorship Training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center.
- Transition Planning, 9-10:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center.

Wednesday

- Framing classes, 5-9 p.m., at the Community Activities Center.

Thursday

- Play Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the Chapel.
- Interviewing class, 1-3 p.m., at the Family Support Center.

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers' Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support 556-6141
- Red Cross 556-9201
- Aragon Menu Line 556-4782
- Outdoor Recreation 556-4487
- Golf Course 556-7810

This Week



Volleyball was just one of the many team Sports and Field Day events on Wednesday.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano



On the soccer fields, teams from across Peterson met in head-to-head action.



Men and women bicycle racers met at the Fitness Center to see who had the fastest legs in the bicycle races.

Ring of Fire nominees announced at Sports Day

By Senior Airman Shane Sharp
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Two Peterson athletes became the most recent inductees into the base Ring of Fame Wednesday afternoon.

Capt. Roger A. Sherman, 21st Logistics Group, and Capt. James B. Gherdovich, 21st Logistics Support Squadron, were formally inducted into the Ring of Fame during a short ceremony as part of the base Sports and Field Day events.

The two captains were nominated and accepted into the Ring of Fame for their outstanding accomplishments in their respective sports.

Gherdovich excelled on the rugby field, while Sherman achieved honors as a pistol sharpshooter.

Sherman has been a member of the Air Force Pistol Team since 2000, and has been the top ranked Air Force Action Pistol shooter for the last two years. He recently became the World Shootoff Military Champion for the second year in a row, and is the number one action pistol shooter in Colorado.

This is also the fourth year he has been invited to

compete in the US National Championship in Bend, Oregon.

Sherman not only excels in competition, but he also devotes time to train local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies as well as coach the Air Force Academy Combat Pistol Team.

Gherdovich has been a member of the Air Force Rugby team since 1998. He has also been a member of the Armed Forces and Combined Service Teams for the last four years.

Gherdovich has served as a volunteer coach for the Air Force Academy Men's Rugby Team. He also devotes time to local teams in Colorado Springs and Denver that compete at the highest level of rugby competition in the nation.

According to Ernie Martin, Fitness Center Manager in charge of the Ring of Fame program, both athletes are very deserving of the award.

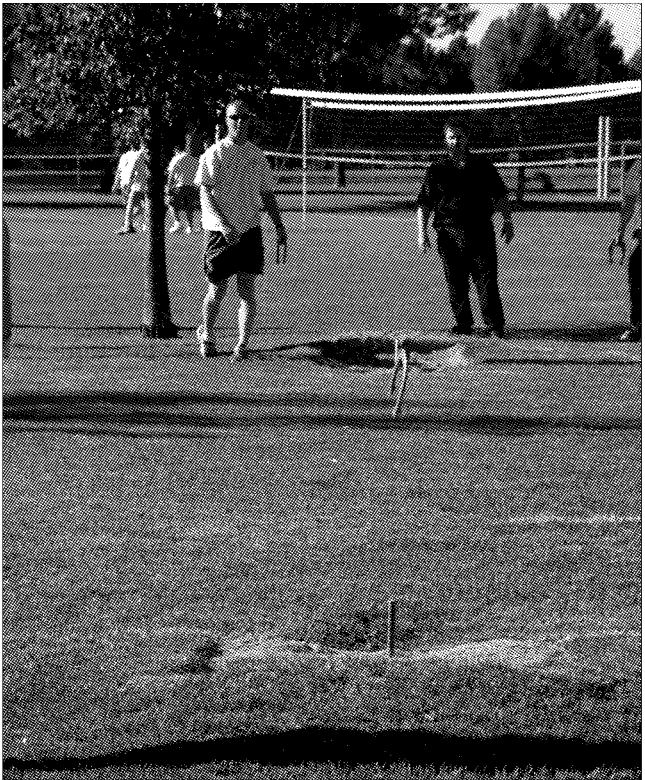
"Sherman and Gherdovich have done some outstanding things in their sports," said Martin. "The Ring of Fame Program exists to recognize athletes like them."

For more information on the Ring of Fame program, call Martin at 556-7092.

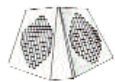


Photos by Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson

21st Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke, right, and Tech. Sgt. Jorge Hinojos, left, make their way toward the finish line during one of the many Sports Day races.



Aside from volleyball, the base park was the staging grounds for the horseshoe toss. Somewhat of an individual sport, the points from the winners went to their overall team scores.



156 Team Pete senior airmen selected for staff

The following Team Pete senior airmen were selected for the rank of staff sergeant:

Abac, Benedict
Allen, Joseph D.
Allen, Joseph I.
Allen, Michael A.
Allen, Shana Leigh
Anderson, Belinda D.
Andrade, Rochell T.
Angell, Brian K.
Ball, Jody M.
Barrera, Rolando E.
Beever, Drew E.
Benge, Christopher
Berger, Mark D.
Bishop, Samantha
Bosques, Edmanuel
Bowden, Christopher
Brett, William D. Jr.
Briones, James E.
Brooks, Barbara J.
Brown, Jeshua A.
Burkhead, Michael A.
Camacho, Krishonda
Campbell, Connie E.
Canaday, Brian Mars
Carroll, Jeffery.
Cases, Andrew A. Jr.
Clarke, Priscilla
Cogdill, Bradley J.
Collard, Michael S.
Colon, Vanessa I.
Colvin, Beth A.
Colvin, James T.
Conteh, Ibrahim M.
Crossett, Frank A.
Curtis, Andrew D.
Dana, Michael P.

Detone, Christopher
Dickens, Ulysses E.
Dimauro, Joey D.
Drennon, David C.
Duplin, Joshua D.
Early, Bryan D.
Eberhardt, Richshawnda
Edwards, Bonnie M.
Ford, Reatrina L.
Francis, Jackie D.
Frank, Jesse T.
Frank, Micah B.
Gates, Mary S.
Gavin, James E. II
Gentile, David A.
Goodman, Kelcey S.
Gordon, Guy B. II
Gosselin, Michael A.
Gschweng, Christoph
Guinn, Scott M.
Hand, Jason D.
Hannaford, Justin T.
Henry, Myriam
Herron, Tina M.
Hilbun, Amy L.
Hodges, Tonya K.
Holden, Jeffrey T.
Howard, Andrea J.
Howell, Jason E.
Hug, Nathaniel L.
Isanogle, Payne N.
Jackson, Kenya N.
Jnobaptiste, Rachel
Johnson, Adam D.
Jones, Siddequah A.
Justice, Jeffrey A.
Kaiser, Thomas G.
Knipp, Jeffrey J.
Kofoed, Aliex D.



Lancaster, Matthew
Lancor, Nathan T.
Landry, Vernon J.
Lantz, Ian A.
Lee, Austin D.
Lewis, Gabriel E.
Lionbarger, Joseph
Lyon, Thomas W.
Magreevy, Jason J.
Manuel, Noel E.
Marshall, Wendee A.
Mauzy, Bradly J.
McAlister, Jason M.
McGill, Brian A.
Miller, Bonnie L.
Miller, Kacy A.
Miller, Molly R.
Milliorn, Amber M.
Moreno, Louis A.
Morris, Gregory A.
Morris, Kevin R.
Nallett, James F.

Neas, Leahanna Jean
Norman, Warren T. Jr.
Perales, Andrea M.
Perkins, Bruce A.
Piper, Scott R.
Polachek, Michele L.
Pulliam, David M.
Rendon, Cirilo C. Jr.
Reynolds, Courtney
Rich, Jason R.
Richel, Nathan A.
Richter, Eric J.
Robles, Kelly A.
Rodrigo, Joseph N.
Rosado, Hugo E.
Royer, Heath A.
Runkle, Michael E.
Santiago, David Jr.
Santos, James D.
Saporito, Anthony P.
Sawicki, Jason J.
Seaba, Mandy J.

Severio, John B.
Sharp, Shane M.
Sharpmack, Jeffrey
Shipman, Joshua K.
Slagle, Newell J.
Smith, Cedric D.
Spurr, Jayson S.
Srader, Darrin J.
Stapleton, David M.
Steed, Michael J.
Stevens, Andrew L.
Stoll, Matthew M.
Strack, Ronald J. II
Swearson, Joni K.
Terlaje, Tiffany I.
Trantham, James R.
Turner, Heidi M.
Uhalde, Joshua D.
Valencia, Mario T.
Villalobos, Joseph
Volkman, Ruth S.
Wagner, Robert J.
Washington, Brandi
Weale, Jennifer N.
West, Jeremy F.
Whitworth, Heather
Williams, Latoya T.
Williams, Lizbeth
Williams, Mark E.
Williams, Matthew B.
Williams, Tyranda L.
Woodcock, David M.
Woodland, Elizabeth
Wooten, Glenn D. II
Yonker, Nicole L.
Zagar, Barbara

(Information courtesy of the 21st Mission Support Squadron)



Air Force releases promotion data for staff sergeants

The Air Force has selected 19,448 of 30,880 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant, a 62.98 percent selection rate.

“This is great news for the Air Force,” said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, Enlisted Promotion and Military Testing Branch Chief. “The message to our young airmen is that their hard work and tremendous sacrifice, particularly during this past year, is being rewarded. The Air Force believes in them and wants

to capture their potential to serve as noncommissioned officers. It's very exciting to see these young professionals step up to the challenge of that next stripe.”

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices by the end of August, allowing them to see just how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they are directly competing with for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

Average scores for selectees was 264.06 points. The averages were: -- 130.37 Enlisted Performance Reports -- 54.16 PFE -- 52.11 SKT -- 15.63 time in grade -- 10.79 time in service -- .058 decorations

The average selectee has 1.64 years time in grade and 4.35 years in service. Those selected will be promoted from September 2002 to August 2003.

(Information courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center)



Leadership, teamwork, attitude

By Lt. Col. Brian Jurkovac

43rd Airlift Wing Chief of Safety

Too often, people depend on unit leadership to define how “good” things are. In reality, they are the ones who make their organization a better place to work.

Everyone has a stake in the effectiveness, health and welfare of his or her organization, base and community.

When I ask others about their best assignments or most rewarding experiences, their answers are surprising.

They list assignments to austere places supporting difficult missions, deployments and contingencies. They don’t always list the garden spots typically found on our dream sheets.

This is because people make the assignment what it is. It is not the hardware, the building or the location. You determine how good or bad your assignment was, is or will be.

Here are my top 10 ways of making the best of one’s present situation.

Understand your mission: Could you describe your unit’s mission to a visitor or new servicemember? Could you articulate how your specialty fits in? If not, ask an “old head” who has been around a while. You may just find out how rich a heritage your unit

has and its historic significance on the preservation of freedom and democracy around the world.

Have loyalty in your unit: Learn to trust the decisions and actions of your leadership. Resist the temptation to “bad-mouth” when things don’t go exactly as planned. Be part of the solution to unit challenges. Being loyal means helping others when they need you and taking action when you see an opportunity for improvement.

Maintain standards: Check yourself every day, starting with your uniform, your performance and, most of all, your attitude. You know what the standards are. Live up to them. Your unit will reflect the standards you set. Job competency is too often the toughest standard.

Keep learning: Check your “know-it-all” attitude at the door. Try to learn something new about your unit’s mission, people or equipment every day. Never let your rank, job title or experience get in the way of learning. Above all, learn how to do things the safest way, the right way. As you learn, the whole unit becomes smarter, more diverse and more capable.

Mentor: The best way to have great folks in your unit is by teaching them the ropes and sharing your experiences. Spend time with your troops; show them, tell them and teach them the pitfalls of disaster and the ingredients for success.

Listen: Listening is an essential communication

skill. Your troops will bring you their problems, but they can also bring you outstanding ideas if they know you will listen.

Participate: Participating in unit activities, both on and off duty, go into making the team a cohesive combat-ready element. Hone your leadership skills by spearheading a unit project.

Be considerate: One very basic social skill I learned as a child was “it was nice to be important, but it was more important to be nice.” Be considerate of others. That doesn’t mean you can’t tell it like it is, but you can do so nicely. Displaying even the simplest courtesies, like being on time, prepared and using the words “please” and “thank you” go a long way.

Have integrity: There is no contribution more significant to the health and success of your unit than integrity.

Show pride: You can be proud and enthusiastic about your unit without being boastful or arrogant. Pride is in the way you do your job; the way you never quit; the way you care about your performance and your unit’s achievements. Pride means you deliver on your promises and can be counted on when the going gets tough and the hours are long. Pride never says “it’s good enough for government work.”

It is not the equipment or the weapons that make us great! It is you and the way you come to work every day.



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Air Force celebrates space pioneers

By 2nd Lt. Jennifer Casey
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

Every frontier has pioneers, and the final frontier is no exception. James S. Coolbaugh and Dr. James G. Baker are the 2002 Air Force Space and Missile honorees and will be inducted into the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Hall of Fame. Last year's winners, retired Lt. Gen. Forrest McCartney and retired Cols. Lee Battle and Frank "Buzz" Buzard will also be honored. The 2001 ceremony and induction were cancelled due to the events of Sept. 11. "The impact of their work over the years proves that these men are not just contributors to space, but true pioneers in the field," said Dr. Skip Bradley, Air Force Space Command historian. "This award honors those who couldn't be recognized at the time of their achievements because security and political situations did not

permit it." Coolbaugh and Baker primarily earned their honors in the sensitive area of photoreconnaissance. Their work was instrumental in developing space surveillance systems. Coolbaugh's career began after completing the Air Force's Guided Missile Course at the University of Michigan and accepting an assignment to the Wright Air Development Center in Ohio in September 1952. Later that year he became the first manager of the then unfunded photoreconnaissance satellite program recommended for development by the Air Force. He continued to push for studies and development of the program until it was officially endorsed by the Air Force and named the Advanced Reconnaissance System in 1954. Coolbaugh moved to the Western Development Division at Inglewood, Calif., in early 1956. His work involved selecting the Army's Camp Cooke, later renamed Vandenberg AFB, as the location for West Coast space and

missile launch operations. In late 1959, Coolbaugh worked on a reconfiguration of the Thor missile to increase its payload capacity. The result, the thrust-augmented Thor, which became the Delta II. Baker began his work in photoreconnaissance programs in late 1940. After receiving a doctorate in astronomy and astrophysics in 1942, he assisted the work of the Army Air Corps Photographic Laboratory at Wright Field where he designed lenses for aerial cameras used in photoreconnaissance and mapping. Baker developed numerous major optical systems including the Baker-Nunn satellite-tracking camera. The Baker-Nunn camera became the cornerstone of the Air Force's early satellite tracking and space surveillance networks and has provided tracking data for the Air Force for more than three decades. This year marks the 20th anniversary celebration of AFSPC and the Fifth annual presentation of the Space and Missile Pioneer Award. This year's inductees bring the total number of Hall of Fame members to 26. The Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Award Program began in 1989 with the National Space Club in Washington, D.C., inducting 10 members. Four of those original pioneers -- James Plummer, former under secretary of the Air Force; retired Gen. Bernard A. Schriever; retired Brig. Gen. William King; and Col. Frederic Oder -- will be at this year's ceremony. 

Quarterly award winners named


21st Space Wing

- Company Grade Officer**
Capt. Steven T. Dabbs, 21st Space Wing Chapel
- Category II - Civilian**
John R. Fox, 21st Support Group
- Category I Civilian**
Dennis M. Needham, 21st Operations Group
- Senior Noncommissioned Officer**
Senior Master Sgt. David P. Joyal, 21st Comptroller Squadron
- Noncommissioned Officer**
Tech. Sgt. Larry W. Niemeier Jr., Space and Missile Systems Center, Detachment 11
- Airman**
Senior Airman Tyranda L. Williams, 21st Comptroller Squadron
- Honor Guard NCO**
Staff Sgt. Trisha Morgan, 21st SW History
- Honor Guard Airman**
Senior Airman Gabriel Lewis, 721st Security Forces Squadron

NORAD

- Company Grade Officer**
Canadian Air Force Lt. Debra Mayfield, computer network operations
- Senior Noncommissioned Officer**
Master Sgt. Mark McClintock, Command Control Systems Directorate
- Noncommissioned Officer**
Staff Sgt. Kevin O'Grady, Command Control Systems Directorate

U.S. Space Command

- Company Grade Officer**
Navy Lt. Seth Walters, Combined Intelligence Center
- Senior Noncommissioned Officer**
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Papka, Intelligence Systems Division
- Noncommissioned Officer**
Staff Sgt. Tina Pepper, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center
- Junior enlisted**
Marine Cpl. Pedro Rodriguez, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center 

Down Range

By Staff Sgt.
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This weekend, actually I should say Sunday, was too hot to fish and too hot to golf. But did that stop me? You bet it did.

So, as I sat outside in the sweltering heat, I looked to the west and saw Pikes Peak towering in the distance. As I looked at it, I thought to myself “now why would anyone in their right mind want to walk to the top of that?”

I mean after all, it’s more than 14,000 feet above the ocean and 8,000 feet above Colorado Springs. But people still make the drive to the trailhead in Manitou Springs and walk a little more than 13 miles to the top.

So, why do it? Well, Reinhold Messner, the first man to climb Mt. Everest without oxygen, said it best when he said, “because it’s there.”

Now, I’m the type of person who typically doesn’t climb or hike unless I’m going somewhere like fishing or hunting, but for some reason, I want to climb the peak.

I suppose if it was a two-day trip, camping at Bar Camp, which is a little more than half-way up, would ease the trek. But doing it in one day would probably kill me.

Actually, I know it would.

Last year, my in-laws climbed the peak in one day and said it was great, but these are people who have repeatedly climbed Mt. Baker and Mt. Rainier in Washington, so they were up to the challenge. It did take them nearly 12 hours, but they took it slow and steady. Unlike the people who run the peak during the marathon.

Here I am, wondering if I would really die if I climbed the peak in one day and they are running it in less than four hours. I think the lack of oxygen in the Springs has a different effect on everyone. Some want to run up a 14,000 foot mountain and some are content to just look at it.

But, while I’m stationed here, I will climb the peak. It may take me two or three days to do it, I may die in the process, by I will make it to the top. Truthfully, I’ll probably drive to within 100 yards from the top and walk the rest.

I will say this though to the people who run or hike the peak -- you have my respect. It takes a lot to get out there and do it. Hopefully I’ll be able to join the Fourteener Club in the next year.

■ Hunting Update: Left-over tags for deer and elk hunting went on sale Tuesday.

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Courtesy photo

During the championship games at the softball fields, base hits like this one were something to be reckoned with.

Softball season ends, champions crowned

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Well, unfortunately the good times of playing softball and hanging out with friends at the ballpark have come to an end.

“This was another great softball season that featured good sportsmanship,” said Chris Hicks, Peterson Intramural Director. “Thankfully, we had no rain-outs, which in the past has pushed the softball season well into September.”

The softball season started in June with five teams competing for the men’s competitive division. The men’s recreational league was represented by 15 teams playing on Monday and Wednesday nights, fighting for the base championship title. The co-ed league had four teams looking to capture the title.

Teams from all around base played their hearts out on the field, and then were able

to relax after the game with friends and co-workers.

“Playing softball is a great stress reliever for me, and my kids also love coming to the games to play with their friends,” said Trish Morgan, 1st baseman for the 21st SW Director of Staff team.

So let’s recognize the best of the best: league champions for the competitive and recreational men’s leagues. The top four teams from each division made the playoffs.

10 MDG defeated 21 CES 17-16 in an extremely close battle for first place in the competitive league.

Team Colorado defeated 21st CS 27-5 to capture the recreational base champion title.

The 21st DS team was the co-ed league champions for the Thursday evening regular season. At the time of our publishing deadline, the co-ed base championship was under protest.

“I’m glad everyone came out and played,” said Hicks. “Have a safe winter, and we’ll see you next year.”

Congratulations to everyone that played and made this season a success.

